COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's 1999-2000 Annual Budget in the amount of \$380,000 for the upgrade of the Laredo Police Department's communication system and to pay for the security fence around the narcotics building. The upgrade of the communications system is not to exceed \$350,000. Funding is available from the opening balance of the Laredo Police Department's Trust Fund.

INITIATED BY: Cynthia Collazo Acting City Manager **STAFF SOURCE:**

Agustin Dovalina,III
Chief of Police

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

Public Hearing/ Introductory Ordinance was presented on 6/19/2000.

ACTION PROPOSED:

That this ordinance be passed and approved.

BACKGROUND:

The communication system of the Laredo Police Department has been utilized for more than two decades. Police officers, citizens and other agencies rely on this system to transmit sensitive and vital information. For years, the City of Laredo has grown both in size and population. As a result, the new land acquired by the City does not fall within the existing radio coverage. Consequently, police officers can not transmit with their portable radios in these areas. Some areas that police officers can not transmit at are: Los Obispos, Mines Rd. and portions of the river.

Recently, representatives from Motorola visited the Laredo Police Department and conducted an analysis of the problem. They recommended that the following items be purchased and installed in order to get better transmission and reception inside the city limits:

- 1. Add a new transmitter site in South Laredo
- 2. Add satellite receiver subsystem to the existing system
- 3. Combination of a new transmitter site(s) and satellite receiver subsystem(s)

Motorola representatives estimate the cost for the upgrade will not exceed \$350,000. It is important to note that this upgrade will improve communications inside the city limits only.

FINANCIAL:	Amended <u>Budget</u>	•	roposed nendment
PERSONNEL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES OTHER DEBT SERVICE CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ - \$ 8,268 \$ 47,050 \$ 43,879 \$ 220,000 \$ 3,338,316	\$ 220,000	\$ - \$ - \$ - \$ 30,000 \$ - \$ <u>350,000</u>
TOTALS	\$ 3,657,513	\$ 4,037,513	\$ 380,000

*THE \$ 30,000 IN OTHER IS FOR RESERVE APPROPRIATION TO PAY FOR THE FENCING PROJECT.

RECOMMENDATION:	STAFF:
	That this ordinance be approved.



ORDINANCE 2000-O-157

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Whereas, the current communication system of the Laredo Police Department is in need of an upgrade; and

Whereas, Motorola can provide a communication upgrade at a cost not to exceed \$350,000; and

Whereas, the funding will be available from the opening balance of the Laredo Police Department Trust Fund; and

Whereas, the Chief of Police recommends the approval of the budget amendment for funding the upgrade to the Laredo Police Department's communication system and to provided security fence around the narcotics building in the amount of \$380,000 for the fiscal year 1999-2000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: The City of Laredo's 1999-2000 annual budget is hereby amended in the amount of \$380,000 for the upgrade of the Laredo Police Department's communication system and to pay for the security fence around the narcotics building.

Section 2: The following line items be increased accordingly.

FINANCIAL:	Amended <u>Budget</u>	Proposed <u>Budget</u>	Proposed <u>Amendment</u>
PERSONNEL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 8,268	\$ 8,268	\$ -
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$ 47,050	\$ 47,050	\$ -
OTHER	\$ 43,879	\$ 73,879	\$ 30,000
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	\$ -
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ <u>3,338,316</u>	\$ <u>3,688,316</u>	\$ <u>350,000</u>
TOTALS	\$ 3,657,513	\$ 4,037,513	\$ 380,000

^{*}THE \$30,000 IN OTHER IS FOR RESERVE APPROPRIATION TO PAY THE SECURITY FENCE AROUND THE NARCOTICS BUILDING.

PASSED BY THE CITY	COUNCIL	AND APPROVED B	Y THE MAYOR	ON THIS THE
26 174 DAY OF	JUNE	, 2000.		

Clenjalueth & Olice ELIZABETH G. FLORES **MAYOR**

ATTESTED:

CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JAME L. FLORES CITY ATTORNEY